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Real-time updates: Arkansas positive coronavirus cases rises to 566

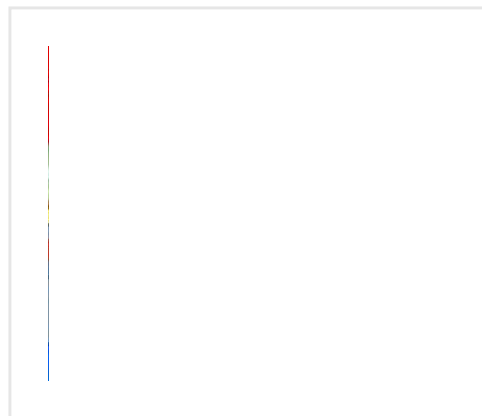
Public schools in Arkansas close...

All public schools in Arkansas closed this week due to coronavirus concerns

A total of 16 positive COVID-19 cases in Arkansas have been confirmed by the Arkansas Department of Health.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Governor Asa Hutchinson provided a new update on coronavirus in Arkansas Sunday morning. He said that starting on Tuesday all public schools will be closed to on-site instruction until the end of Spring Break.

Since March 11, a total of 16 COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in Arkansas. COVID-19 is the disease caused by novel coronavirus.

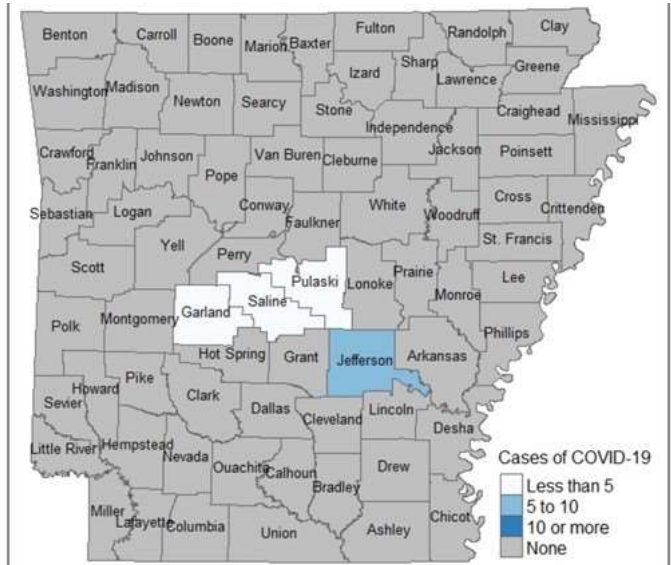


Arkansas coronavirus hotlines:

- For children (staffed by Arkansas Children's Hospital): 1-800-743-3616
- For adults (staffed by UAMS): 1-800-632-4502

Key facts to know:

- 16 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Arkansas
 - Pulaski, Jefferson, Garland and Saline counties are where the individuals are located
- 30 people are under investigation
- 121 negative tests
- Gov. Hutchinson announced the closure of all public schools until after Spring Break
- Little Rock Mayor Frank Scott Jr. [confirmed the city's first community transmission case](#)



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Sunday, March 15:

10:45 p.m.:

Oaklawn Racing & Gaming announced Sunday evening that they were closing the casino for t effective tomorrow, March 16.

The announcement comes after it was confirmed that two of the 16 positive COVID-19 cases ii in Garland County. **Article:** [Oaklawn casino closed after 2 people test positive for COVID-19 County](#)

9:15 p.m.:

In a combined release, Little Rock Christian, Central Arkansas Christian, Catholic High School, Collegiate and Pulaski Academy announced they will close school for the next two weeks. **Ar** [schools closing Monday after Gov. closure announcement over COVID-19 concerns](#)

The CDC has released new guidelines recommend limiting large gatherings like concerts, we sporting events with 50 people for eight weeks. **Article:** [New CDC coronavirus guidelines: C with 50 or more people](#)



This coronavirus map shows all reported cases in the world:bit.ly/39jqc0U



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6:40 p.m.:

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The Little Rock Zoo announced Sunday that it will close its doors to the public "at least until Monday." The closure follows Governor Hutchinson's press conference Sunday afternoon announcing the closure of public schools until the 27th.

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Article: [Little Rock Zoo will be closed to the public until March 30](#)

4:45 p.m.:

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued an order Sunday that all bars and restaurants to close by 11 p.m. throughout the state. Article: [Ohio Governor orders all bars, restaurants to close begin Sunday](#)

Governor Hutchinson said at this time, it is up to individual restaurants whether they will close amid the coronavirus outbreak.

4:15 p.m.:

Several Arkansas school districts have announced being closed on Monday after the governor's announcement.

Here is a link to our article on schools closed on Monday: [List of schools closing Monday after closure announcement over COVID-19 concerns](#)

1:50 p.m.:

Gov. Hutchinson announced that all public schools in Arkansas will be closed starting on Tuesday until the end of Spring Break.

He said that school will be optional on Monday if the school districts need it, but mandatory classes start on Tuesday.



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Arkansas Gov. [@AsaHutchinson](#) orders all public schools in Arkansas close this week, starting Tuesday, due to [#coronavirus](#) concerns. [#COVID19](#)

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Hutchinson said he doesn't expect there will be long-term closures for public schools.

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Nathaniel Smith, Secretary of the Arkansas Department of Health, said people with "high k... nerability should consider how much they want to be out in the public." He said, "others can... ny aspects of life."

5 p.m.:

Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge announced that the state's price gouging laws are at least 30 days.

The public health emergency declared by Gov. Hutchinson triggered the laws to help protect against price gouging.

It will be a "\$10,000 fine if you're in violation of price gouging laws" for every face masks, bott and hand sanitizers.



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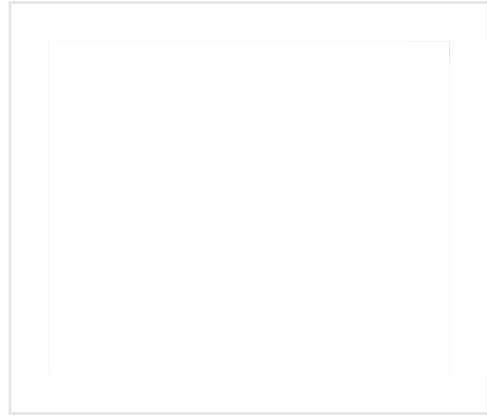
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1:30 p.m.:

Gov. Hutchinson strongly cautioned against "panic buying," saying supplies will be available in weeks.

Of the four new cases announced Sunday, two were acquired out-of-state and the individuals quarantined. Those two are residents from Garland County.



The state has reported over 100 negative tests so far, but 237 people are being monitored by Department of Health.

[Hutchinson said by next week, the state should have the ability to run "440 COVID-19 tests."](#)

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'By next week, we should have ability to run 440 COVID-19 tests'...

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - In a press conference Sunday, Governor Hutchinson said the state should be able to run 440 COVID-19 tests...

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15 a.m.:

The Arkansas Department of Health updated its website to say that 16 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state.

ADH also is reporting 30 people are under investigation.

RELATED: [16 COVID-19 cases in Arkansas, 30 people under investigation](#)

We will continually update this article with more information as it becomes available.

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